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SECTION

READING STUDY GUIDE

The Early Years of the War

• **Before, You Learned** After the Revolutionary War broke out, the United States declared independence.

• **Now You Will Learn** Although the Continental Army had difficulty fighting in a divided America, the Patriots triumphed at Saratoga.

AS YOU READ Take notes identifying problems and solutions in this section. Use the problems and solutions graphic organizer on both pages of this worksheet.

Americans Divided

Independence from Great Britain would need to be won by a fight. Loyalists, Patriots, and neutrals all took a stand.

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Preparing for War

The British Army had been depleted by a recent war. The Continental Army was small, untrained, and had few supplies.

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War in the Middle States

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8. Britain's Northern Strategy

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10. Saratoga: A Turning Point

11.

MARK IT UP! Circle each term where it appears in your notes and be sure you understand its meaning. If a term does not appear, write it beside the box where it *best* belongs.

George Washington

Battles of Saratoga

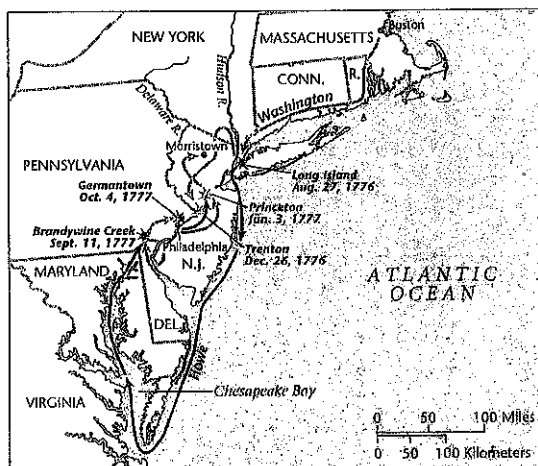
Horatio Gates

Joseph Brant

John Burgoyne

Benedict Arnold

SKILLBUILDER



The map shows early battles in the American Revolution, 1776-1777.

12. **MARK IT UP!** Reread your notes on "War in the Middle States." Underline the names of battle sites. Circle them on the map.

13. Why did Great Britain want to control the areas along the coast?

14. Write two ways the Battle of Trenton and the Battle of Princeton helped the Continental Army.